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CIVIL AVIATION
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SECURITY OF AIRPORTS
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken concrete steps with regard to safety and security of airports in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether there is any proposal to bring a legislation to deal with the security of airports in the country; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b): To ensure that all the safety measure prescribed by DGCA are implemented by aerodromes, licensing of airports has been initiated by DGCA in 2004. 22 airports used for scheduled flight operations have been licensed so far. All other airports are required to obtain licensed by June 2009.

To ensure security the following additional measures have been deployed:-

(i) Nakas put by ASG/APSU at the approach road to airports for random checking of vehicles/persons/articles;
(ii) All unattended articles to be reported and checked for IED etc;
(iii) Enhanced surveillance/watch on land side and airside areas of airports;
(iv) Perimeter Patrolling and guarding of funnel area during operational hours;
(v) Reinforecement of all access control points;
(vi) QRTs/Striking Reserve at airports strengthened;
(vii) Secondary Security Checks at ladder point of aircrafts being carried out and;
(viii) A thorough and complete screening of both the hold baggage and hand baggage being carried out.

(c): No, Sir.

(d): Does not arise.